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1. The Battyányi Castle, near the junction of the Kőrmend-Pápa and Kőrmend-Szentgotthárd routes in the middle of the city, consists of one main building, two smaller buildings, and 12 large barracks. The main building is occupied by the offices of a Russian staff and is also used for living quarters by Russian officers.

2. There are now stationed at the castle the staff of an armored regiment, one armored battalion, and the regimental troops of the regiment. The total number is 660 to 680 men. They wear black and red shoulder boards. None of the soldiers appear to be over 25; there are many recruits among them.

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covered with canvas in the winter. They are parked at the southern corner of the castle park, where the road crosses the Rába River.

4. Troops leave the castle by a new door which has been cut in the castle wall, so that entries and exits cannot be observed from the town. Exercises are carried out in the meadows near the river, behind the park.

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6. In Kőrmend itself, there is an armored battalion with 24 to 26 T-34/85 tanks.

7. The state sawmill and lumber yard is outside the town, near the Kőrmend-Horvátudvarja road. The buildings can hold 450 men, and for this reason were often used as a temporary barracks during the war. They are now occupied by a Russian armored battalion, 350 to 360 men strong.

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